

Interagency Council on Homelessness

August 19, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Olympia, Washington

Present:

Dan McConnon, Assistant Director, Commerce – Chair

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Deputy Director, DVA

Kari Burrell, Executive Policy Office Director, Governor's Office

Melinda Dyer, State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth,
OSPI

Lisa Hodgson, Executive Manager, Facilities and Services Licensing, DOH

Ken Kelnhofer, Director of Department of Labor Programs, ESD

Karen Adams, Community Corrections Supervisor 1 for Charlie Wend, Section 7 Field
Administrator, DOC

ICH Member Staff:

Toni Johnson, Program Coordinator – Homelessness/Housing and Services, DSHS

Commerce Staff:

Annie Conant

Tedd Kelleher

Bruce Yasutake


Community Services and Housing Division

Dan McConnon introduced himself and gave a quick overview of the new combined division. By program lists and links follow:

Community Services:

Promote Independence	Enhance Community Safety	Protect Vulnerable Citizens
Asset Building Low-income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) WorkFirst Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) Safe and Drug Free Communities Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Recovery Act information Community Mobilization Guide to Crime Victim Services	Long-term Care Ombudsman Children and Families of Incarcerated

Housing:

Affordable Housing	Homeless Programs	Home Repair / Weatherization
Housing Trust Fund Farm worker Housing HOME General Purpose Farm worker Housing Report Mobile/Manufactured Housing Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Homeless Grant Assistance Program (HGAP) Emergency Shelter Programs (ESG & ESAP) Transitional Housing, Operating & Rent (THOR) Independent Youth Housing Program (IYHP) Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Consolidated State Homeless Grant Program	Weatherization Energy Matchmakers Home Repair and Rehab UPDATED! Lead-Based Paint Lead Hazard Control ARRA Weatherization ARRA L&I Prevailing Wage Information 

Division Organization Chart:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/DesktopModules/CTEDPublications/CTEDPublicationsView.aspx?tabID=0&ItemID=6265&Mid=870&wversion=Staging>

Commerce is moving to a new location starting September 2 with plans to be completely moved in by the end of the month:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/site/1344/default.aspx>

WDVA Veterans Housing Summit/SAMSA Policy Academy – Debrief

The DVA is continuing follow-up work from the SAMSA Policy Academy and Veterans Housing Summit that was held on June 2, 2010. Four regional conferences will be held in the coming months in Okanogan, King, the northern (Whatcom, Island, Skagit, etc.) and peninsula (Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason, etc.) counties. The first one will be held in Bellingham for the northern counties on October 6. Subcommittee work continues as well. See:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/DesktopModules/CTEDPublications/CTEDPublicationsView.aspx?tabID=0&ItemID=8886&Mid=870&wversion=Staging>

ESD is subcontracting with DVA for a Department of Labor Rural Veteran's Initiative pilot program that will provide funding in communities like Forks.

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/media/helphomeless.pdf>

The U.S. DVA Grant and Per Diem Program was referenced:

<http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp>

As was the HUD-VASH program:

<http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/HUD-VASH.asp>

Disability Lifeline Program (E2SHB 2782)

The Governor's office, DSHS and Commerce continue to work out the details. With no specific funding level yet it is likely that a two to three county pilot program will be established. A solid implementation plan is expected within several weeks.

DVA sponsored SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) training was discussed:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/DesktopModules/CTEDPublications/CTEDPublicationsView.aspx?tabID=0&ItemID=8891&MId=870&wversion=Staging>

Ten-Year Homeless Plan: 2010 Annual Report

Narrative on fund reductions, program cutbacks and how unemployment is driving demand for homeless programs and services will be added to the Executive Summary. Commerce will email ICH members sections of the 2009 Annual Report to be updated for 2010. Responses are due back September 15 so that Commerce can prepare a draft to review at the next ICH meeting on September 22.

Member Updates

With Kari Burrell's recent appointment as the Governor's Executive Office Policy Director, a new Human Services policy advisor who will take Kari's place on the ICH, will be named soon.

Mary Forbes, Assistant Director for Veterans Services, will be representing DVA on the Interagency Council on Homelessness replacing Alfie Alvarado-Ramos. (Alfie and Kari Burrell have been on the ICH since its inception in 2007.)

OSPI McKinney-Vento homeless program funds have been cut by 28% - \$1.19 million to \$862,000. (Funding had gradually increased the last fifteen years.) 2009-2010 school year data for the number of homeless children will be collected in December.

The poor economy and federal immigration enforcement has impacted farm worker housing demand.

DSHS is working on data share agreements with Housing Authorities. The Gates Foundation is funding this effort. Housing Authorities report that people are not exiting out of subsidized housing.

Family Unification Voucher funding will be announced in October -
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/family.cfm>

ESD and DOC continue to collaborate on offender services.

Next Meeting

September 22 – WDVA Policy Academy Action Plan and Disability Lifeline updates,
2010 Ten-Year Plan Update draft review.